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Docket No. 01USFP644-M.K.

REMARKS

Attached hereto is an Excess Claims Fee letter and fee for two excess independent claims and two excess total claims.

Claims 1-22 are presently pending in this application. New claims 21 and 22 are added.

This Preliminary Amendment is intended only to add these new claims. Applicant has no changes to the comments and response in the Amendment under 37 CFR §1.116, so these are not repeated herein.

In view of the foregoing, Applicant submits that claims 1-22, all the claims presently pending in the application, are patentably distinct over the prior art of record and that the application is in condition for allowance. Such action would be appreciated.

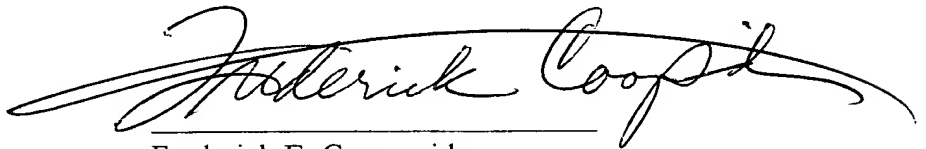
Should the Examiner find the application to be other than in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned at the local telephone number listed below to discuss any other changes deemed necessary in a telephonic or personal interview.

To the extent necessary, Applicant petitions for an extension of time under 37 CFR §1.136. Please charge any shortage in the fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Attorney's Deposit Account No. 50-0481 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

Respectfully Submitted,

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